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"NO NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE VICTORY"

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1. "ADDIS ZEMEN, JANUARY 17, 1978

"FROM THE EDITORIAL

"'NO NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE VICTORY' -, A CERTAIN
AMERICAN CONGRESS HAD WARNED TEN YEARS AGO THAT
AMERICA WILL DIG ITS OWN GRAVE UNLESS IT STOPS ITS

INTERFERENCE AND ANTIMASSES STRUGGLE, FOR WHICH IT UTILIZES ITS GREAT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POWER. THIS WARNING HAS NOT CHANGED THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE RULING CLASS AND WILL NOT DO SO IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STRUGGLE OF THE RULING CLASS IS SOLELY DIRECTED TOWARDS KEEPING THE INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN MONOPOLY CAPITALISM AND INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM. THE RECENT BLIND AND UNJUST REMARK STATED BY PRESIDENT CARTER, HEAD OF THE AMERICAN RULING CLASS EXPOSES THE PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND HIS BLURRED OUTLOOK OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

"THE INVASION PERPETRATED AGAINST ETHIOPIA BEGAN IN JULY. BUT THE REASON WHY THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA IS OF CONCERN TO THE PRESIDENT, AT THIS POINT IS VERY CLEAR. UP TO NOW WASHINGTON HAS LOOKED AT THE WAR BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA WITH SOME OPTIMISM. IT HAD HOPED TO ENTER AND RE-ESTABLISH ITSELF HIDDEN IN THE TROJAN HORSE OF THE MOGADISHO ARMY WHEN SOMALI SOLDIERS TAKE OVER ADDIS ABABA. THOUGH AMERICA HAS NOT SENT ITS SOLDIERS TO FIGHT ALONG BARRE'S ARMY, IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT IT HAS SIDED WITH BARRE BY CO-ORDINATING THE EFFORTS OF IMPERIALISM AND REACTIONARY RULING

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CLIQUE. AS THE WAR IS TAKING A DIFFERENT TURN THAN THAT VISUALIZED BY WASHINGTON AND RIYADH THESE FORCES HAVE JOINED BARRE IN HIS MOURNINGS.

" BARRE HAS EVEN OFFERED TO INTERVENE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND THE FICTITIOUS 'WESTERN SOMALIA LIBERATION FRONT'. THE PROPAGANDA WHICH IS NO LESS COMICAL THAT BARRE'S IS RIYADH'S AND WASHINGTON'S. IN HIS RECENT STATEMENT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ABUSED THE PATRIOTISM OF THE ETHIOPIAN MASSES BY MAKING THE IMPLAUSIBLE REMARK ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN SOLDIERS FIGHTING FOR ETHIOPIA. THE REASON WHY AMERICA HAS ASKED THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE UP THE MATTER, WHILE IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT BARRE HAS INVADDED ETHIOPIA AND WHILE PROGRESSIVE NATIONS DEMAND THE CLEARING OF SOMALI SOLDIERS FROM ETHIOPIA, IS ONLY TO MAKE THE SITUATION A TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED FROM TIME TO TIME, SIMILAR TO THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE.

"THE AIM OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WAGED BY ETHIOPIA IS QUITE CLEAR. REVOLUTIONARY ETHIOPIA WILL PAY EVERY NECESSARY SACRIFICE AND WAGE WAR UNTIL THE

LAST SOMALI SOLDIER EVACUATES ETHIOPIA'S TERRITORIES.
AND IN DOING SO ETHIOPIA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EMPLOY
ANY AND EVERY WAR TACTIC AND STRATEGY.

"HENCE IF WASHINGTON, RIYADH AND OTHER FRIENDS OF
BARRE DESIRE TO ASSIST HIM, THEY WOULD DO BEST TO
ADVISE HIM TO PULL OUT HIS SOLDIERS FROM ETHIOPIA.
AS THERE WILL BE NO LIMIT TO THE MEASURES ETHIOPIA
WILL TAKE TO SAFEGUARD HER TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY,
MOGADISHO'S REGIME AND HER ALLIES SHOULD BE AWARE
THAT IT WILL BE MOGADISHO'S GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FORTHCOMING CONSEQUENCES."

2. EMBASSY NOTES SOME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ABOVE
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AMHARIC EDITORIAL AND EDITORIAL FROM ENGLISH ETHIOPIAN
HERALD OF SAME DATE. AMHARIC VERSION LESS OF PERSONAL
ATTACK UPON PRESIDENT BUT STRONGER CONDEMNATION OF
DIRECTION US POLICY TAKING. ALSO MUCH CLOSER LINKAGE
MADE BETWEEN US, SAUDI ARABIA AND MOGADISCIO THAN IN
ENGLISH VERSION. SEPTTEL CONTAINS OTHER COMMENTS WHICH
ALSO APPLICABLE TO ABOVE EDITORIAL.
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